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## A DREAM AND ITS CONSEQUENCES.

When I was twelve years of age I was

invited by Mrs. Hall, my godmother, to

pay her a visit before going to boarding

school, where I was to remain for a few

years. My mother had died when I was

very young, and my father thought it bet-

ter for me to be at a nice school, where I

would be among girls of my own age,

than in a house with only his sister and

himself. Mrs. Hall was very fond of me;

she had no children of her own, and had

my father consented, she and Mr. Hall

would have taken me to live with them

entirely.

It was a lovely day in June when I ar-

rived at my godmother's, and she was

delighted to see me. The house was

beautifully situated on high ground, sur-

rounded by grand old trees, and on one

side was a flower garden.

One morning my godmother said to

me: Come up stairs with me, Lillian, and

I will show you some Indian jewels that

my uncle left me lately. She opened the

drawer of an Indian sandal-wood cabinet

and took out a small case, in which were

a pair of ear rings, a brooch and necklace

of most beautiful diamonds. I thought

I had never seen anything so beautiful

before. My dear Lillian, said she, I in-

tend to give you these on your sixteenth

birthday. I see, however, there is a

stone loose in one of the ear rings, so I

will take it into town to-day to have it

repaired. She folded it up carefully and

put it in her purse; the case with the

other diamonds she put in one of the

drawers of her dressing case.

After lunch Mr. and Mrs. Hall took me

with them to the town, which was about

four miles distant. The ear ring was

left at the jeweller's, and as we were to

spend the day at a friend's house we ar-

ranged to call for it on our way back.

Will you say, what has all this to do

with your dream? Well, wait a little

and you will see.

We spent a pleasant day, called for the

ear ring on our way, and arrived home

about half past nine o'clock. As I was

taking off my bonnet, godmother came

into the room. Lillian, said she, I cannot

find the case of diamonds anywhere.

Did I not leave it in the drawer in my

dressing case before I went out? I went

to put in the ear ring now, and it was